BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-153-E - ORDER NO. 97-382

MAY 8, 1997

vs.

Duke Power Company,

Respondent.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition for a Rule to Show Cause filed by Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Blue Ridge or the Petitioner) against Duke Power Company (Duke or the Respondent). Blue Ridge asks that this Commission issue its Order to require Duke to show why the Commission should not direct it both temporarily and permanently to cease and desist from providing any electric service, and to dismantle its facilities to a new industrial premises in Oconee County.

We note that, pending this hearing, Duke has voluntarily agreed to cease and desist until the matter may be heard and ruled upon. We therefore grant a hearing in this matter to be set by Staff. We believe that Duke should continue to cease and desist from furnishing electricity to the facility until such time as the

Commission may hear and rule on this matter. Further, we hold that Blue Ridge may furnish construction power and/or temporary electric service to the premises until such time as the Commission may hear and rule on this matter, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-620(3).

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)